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Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

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SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: 97655-19355360@requests.muckrock.com

Daniel Cullen
MuckRock News
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Re: **2020-HQFO-01375**

Dear Mr. Cullen:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated July 3, 2020, seeking all records pertaining to yourself, from January 1, 2012 to July 3, 2020.

Your request was received in this office on July 6, 2020.

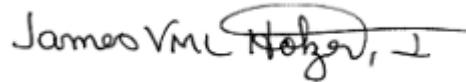
Based on the limited information you have provided, we cannot conduct an adequate search. The Department of Homeland Security was created January 24, 2003; therefore, no DHS records exist prior to that date. Records created prior to the establishment of DHS by any of the organizational components of DHS would be maintained by those components. Furthermore, DHS does not maintain a central index of records about individuals. For this reason, 6 C.F.R. Part 5 §5.3(b) of the DHS FOIA regulations require that you describe the records you are seeking with as much information as possible to ensure that our search of appropriate systems of records can find them with a reasonable amount of effort. In addition to the information that you provided, this description should include, the type of record you are seeking, the DHS component you believe created and/or controls the records, the precipitating event that you believe warranted the creation of records and the time period that you believe the records or files were created and compiled. If you can provide sufficient additional information as described in this paragraph, we will undertake a search for responsive records.

This is not a denial of your request. Upon receipt of a perfected request, you will be advised as to the status of your request. Please provide additional information describing the records you are seeking. If we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in this PA request, and the case will be administratively closed.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2020-HQFO-01375**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. The status of your FOIA request is now available online and can be accessed at: <https://www.dhs.gov/foia-status>, by using this FOIA request number.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact this office at 1-866-431-0486 or 202-343-1743.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James V. Holzer, J." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Holzer
Deputy Chief Privacy Officer (A)
Deputy Chief FOIA Officer